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SUBJECT: CSCE POLICY: INFORMATION -- STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON
READIO BROADCASTING

REF: GENEVA 0566

1. EROSION OF ALLIED NEGOTIATING POSITION ON THIS
ISSUE HAS CONTINUED, AS FORESEEN REFTEL. WESTERN
COUNTRIES HAVE ABANDONED EFFORTS TO INCLUDE AN IN-
DIRECT AND MUTED CALL FOR AN END TO RADIO JAMMING
(PARA 3 REFTEL) IN PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. RATHER, ALLIES HAVE ATTEMPTED TO DEAL OBLIQUELY
WITH THE JAMMING ISSUE THROUGH A POSITIVE FORMULATION
ON ACCESS TO AUDIO-VISUAL INFORMATION. AS INDICATED
REFTEL, THAT SENTENCE WOULD HAVE READ: " TO FACILIT-
ATE THE DISSEMINATION OF FILMED AND BROADCAST IN-
FORMATION INCLUDING THE PROMOTION OF ACCESS TO
CINEMOTOGRAPHIC AND AUDIO-VISUAL INFORMATION FROM THE
OTHE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES". THE SOVIETS COUNTERED
WITH THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE, WHICH INCLUDED THE WORD
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"ACCESS" BECAUSE IT IS CONTAINED IN THE HELSINKI BLUE

BOOK BUT PUT IT IN A CONTEXT THAT DOES NOT DEAL WITH
BROADCASTING: "THEY WILL FACILITATE THE
IMPORTATION BY COMPETENT ORGANIZATION A DNA DIRMS OF
AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIAL, PROMOTING, IN THE LIGHT OF
EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES, ACCESS TO SUCH MATERIAL FROM
THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES."

3. FACED WITH THIS SOVIET INTRANSIGENCE, ALLIES ARE
NOW APPARENTLY PREPARED TO GIVE UP THE EFFORT TO DEAL
WITH JAMMING IN THE AUDIO-VISUAL PAPER ITSELF, EVEN
THE TENUOUS AND OBLIQUE REFERENCE CITED IN PARA 2
ABOVE. THEY STILL HOPE, HOWEVER, TO GET SOME MENTION
OF ACCESS IN THE INTRODUCTORY TEXT THAT WILL CAP THE
INFORMATION SUBHEADING IN BASKET 3. THAT EFFORT TOO
MAY FAIL. THE SOVIETS HAVE REJECTED THE WESTERN TEXT
(TRANSMITTED GENEVA 570) AND HAVE PROPOSED AN UNACCEPTABLE
SUBSTITUTE WHICH MAKES NO MENTION OF ACCESS.

4. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO KEEP AT LEAST SOME CONNECTION
BETWEEN "ACCESS" AND "RADIO BROADCASTING" BUT -- GIVEN
UNWILLINGNESS OF MOST ALLIES TO GO TO THE MAT WITH THE
SOVIETS ON THIS ISSUE -- MAY NOT REPEAT NOT BE SUCCESS-
FUL UNLESS WE TAKE FORCEFUL POSITION ON MATTERS OURSELVES,
THREBY PROVOKING CONFRONTATION WITH SOVIETS OVER THIS
ISSUE WHICH WE ASSUME DEPT. WISHES US TO AVOID.
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